

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025 AT 19:10 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors R Johnson, J Hill, I Collett, P Raybould and J Steventon

APOLOGIES: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Two

IN ATTENDANCE: E Lear (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

a) To receive and note apologies from councillors who are unable to attend the meeting – None

b) To consider reasons for absence provided by councillors who cannot attend and resolve the council's acceptance of these if felt relevant.- Not required.

2. TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WERE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING- Not required

3. DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2025

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Two members of the Village Hall Committee were in attendance and outlined how they were obtaining quotes for the roof to be replaced on the village hall as well as the installation of solar panels. They had been informed of the Levelling Up Grant from the South Yorkshire Mayor that was available to small charity groups in the Doncaster area. The grant provider had sent a roofing company to quote for the works which included 20 solar panels and the over-cladding of the roof- no batteries are included. They had also obtained 2 further quotes independently which had come in at a greater cost. They are now applying to Doncaster Council for the Grant. They have no obligation to take the Grant if it is awarded. The paperwork asked them to sign as legal owners- it was suggested that they request a change to Managing Trustee. Enquiries need to be made to the National Grid to ascertain if they can add the solar panels. The Grant would cover 50% of the costs but the VHC confirmed they had funds to cover the full costs. The VHC were seeking views from the Parish Council. BPC confirmed it was the VHC's decision but were grateful for being asked. Councillor Hill offered

to research the quote (due to his professional background) and will provide feedback to the VHC. The grant and quote sounded like a good deal.

6. **WARD MEMBERS REPORT** – None

7. **CDC AND SOUTH AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES-**

- a) Permanent Traffic Regulation Order- Blaxton 20mph- An intention notice has been received from CDC listing roads which will be included in the 20mph speed limit order

RESOLVED (2)

That the Council support the Order but request that Park Lane also be included.

8. **POLICING ISSUES-** None

9. **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

- a) Parish Councils' Joint Consultative Committee (PCJCC) – **Meeting 03/04/25-** noted and report distributed.

- b) Public Rights Of Way (PROW) Forum – **Meeting 09/04/25** – not attended.

10. **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a) Payments Considered for Approval on 16 April 2025:-

RESOLVED (3)

That the following payments be approved:-

<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Payee/Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	P Dennis	Salary April 2025	108.40	0.00	108.40
2	E Lear	Salary April 2025	579.43	0.00	579.43
2	E Lear	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance April 2025	20.00	0.00	20.00
3- DD 30/04/25	Nest	Clerk's pension 01/04/25 – 30/04/25	14.89	0.00	14.89
4	HMRC	HMRC M1	219.16	0.00	219.16
5- DD 30/04/25	Ionos 203047596561	1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/25- 07/05/25	25.00	5.00	30.00
6 – DD 30/04/25	Unity Bank 046	Account fee 01/03/25- 31/03/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
7	YLCA 3719	Membership Subscription 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026	479.00	0.00	479.00
8	CDC 30784635	Q4 Bin Emptying	180.00	36.00	216.00
					£1672.88

Note: **DD** above indicates payment taken or to be taken by Direct Debit on the date shown

- b) Bank Reconciliations at 31 March 2025– **Noted**
- c) Net Position 8 April 2025– **Noted**- forms the net position for the end of 2024/25.
- d) YLCA Training Programme (within Weekly News & Notifications) - circulated 24/03/25 and 07/04/25 - **Noted**
- e) Climate Change & Sustainability –
 1.Update on Cycle Repair Station- The Clerk is liaising with CDC to ensure that there is a small lag time between installation of the base and the equipment.

RESOLVED (4)

That the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982- Licence for the Provisions of a Cycle Repair Stand from CDC is signed.

- f) Cycle Path Proposal/ Mosham Road Improvements-
 No response from the developer of the junction between Mosham Road and Gatehouse Lane to the request for a pedestrian crossing.
- g) 'Sharing' Station-
 Councillor Collett had produced a bespoke design including a contained area for books/ puzzles etc and an open shelf for plants. He has produced an estimate for build and installation

RESOLVED (5)

That a budget of £750 be agreed for the build and installation of the loan station.

RESOLVED (6)

That the design plan and location, along with suggestions for the installation of the legs are sent to CDC for the licence.

RESOLVED (7)

That a basic plan is advertised on Facebook and the website to inform the public.

- h) Derelict Land- Chapel on Mosham Road and storage site of Station Road-
 The chapel door has now been painted black.
 The owners of the storage site have responded with a plan of action and improvements have begun. They have requested time. **Noted**- the Council will monitor but are pleased with the progress.
- i) War Memorial-
 A quote had been received to paint the inner railings (£125) and outer railings (£375) last year but the quote is still awaiting recent confirmation that it stands.

RESOLVED (8)

That the order is placed for painting both sets of railings if the price of a total of £500 is confirmed.

j) VE Day 80-

No further update regarding the Lamp Light of Peace.

RESOLVED (9)

That the Clerk continue to chase until the point it is too late for delivery.

k) Remembrance Day-

Councillors Collett confirmed that there were 44 metal lampposts along the main roads: Mosham Road to Bank End Road and Thorne Road to Station Road.

The Clerk confirmed that the lamppost poppies were £5 each.

Clerk is meeting with FPC to discuss the possibility of a parade.

RESOLVED (10)

That CDC are contacted to confirm locations are agreeable.

RESOLVED (11)

That subject to (10), 44 lamppost poppies are ordered at a total cost of £220.

l) Summerfields Green Space-

RESOLVED (12)

That this item be deferred and a report is brought to the next meeting.

m) Tools and Equipment-

The Chair of FPC has directly contacted the Chair regarding the equipment. It has been moved from the pavilion shed and all of the equipment has been offered to BPC.

The Village Hall have confirmed that temporary storage would be available in the shed.

RESOLVED (13)

That the Clerk confirm with FPC if there are any conditions associated with taking the equipment.

RESOLVED (14)

That the items are collected if no conditions exist.

n) Maintenance of Planters 2025

A quotation had been received from Need a Hand for £35 per occasion for the watering/feeding.

RESOLVED (15)

That the quotation be accepted for the watering/feeding of the plants at a cost of £35 per visit.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 25/00690/FUL- Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of pre- fab garage- 17 Blue Bell Court Blaxton

RESOLVED (16)

That the Parish Council have no objections and wish to register a neutral response

- b) Consideration of any Planning Applications received between the issue of the Agenda and the Meeting- **None**

12. BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

- a) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field – Section 106 Funding (18/02593/FULM)

All S106 for the area are with the Legal department of CDC.

RESOLVED (17)

That a further update on the release of the funding is sought.

- b) Improvements to Blaxton Playing Field- National Lottery funding
Application submitted- no update.

13. JOINT PLAYING FIELD

- a) Future Management of the Blaxton and Finningley Joint Playing Field
No response from FPC to the latest response sent by BPC regarding the 'Pavilion Account'.

- b) Pavilion Modifications Proposal by FPC
3 letters were sent to: CDC regarding the s106 funding, Sport England regarding their funding and to FPC expressing concern about the lack of consultation regarding the proposed changes to the pavilion.
Sports England have indicated they won't respond until the complaints procedure is exhausted with FPC.
No response from CDC or FPC.

14. BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Committee – Meeting 10/04/25

Councillor Steventon attended and reported that the chair trolley has been purchased and discussions continued regarding the roof and solar panels. The

next meeting is due on the 4th of June but it is likely an emergency meeting will be held before.

a) Carbon Reduction Grant

The Village Hall Committee are showing that they are committed to reducing their carbon emissions.

RESOLVED (18)

That the Carbon Reduction Grant of £1600 is paid to the Village Hall Committee.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Meeting
and is scheduled to be held on
Wednesday 21st May in Blaxton Village Hall
at 19:00.

Meeting closed at 21.20

Chair: _____

Date: _____